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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady on local markets and usually steady in shipping channels. Retail demand was mostly light to occasionally moderate as interest continues to be on seasonal holiday items. Food service was mixed and covered the full range. Overall, inquiry was expected to improve for next week due in part to the holiday down time and weekend orders from fast food outlets. Supplies and offerings were generally adequate on heavier weight broilers, but ample in the eastern area on smaller birds. Processing schedules were irregular but usually in a range of normal to less than normal due to planned holiday schedules. In the parts structure, wings were short to barely adequate of a good demand. Supplies of breast items and dark meat were reported as sufficient for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 58.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 66.25 cents last year on the 25th of November, 1998. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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BREASTS - B/S	139.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	68.50
LEG QUARTERS	20.50
WINGS	73.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 11/20/99	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	176,601	179,965	-02
CHICKS PLACED	135,485	135,777	0

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 177 million eggs during the week ending November 20, 1999. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 20, 1999. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through November 20, 1999, were 6.55 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 1-Jan-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 140.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 138.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 140.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 127.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.02 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was cautiously steady. Offerings were adequate to cover the light buyer interest. Demand for whole body fryers light, moderate for parts and best by restaurants. Floor stocks adequate overall. Parts were about steady with wings in the strongest position.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady on local markets, and reported as about steady to steady in the major terminal areas. Demand was fair with interest mostly on seasonal holiday items. Food service was moderate but improved. Supplies were sufficient to handle current trade requirements, but not ample. In the parts structure, wings were short of full needs, balance of items were reported as adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings of additional whole birds and WOG's were limited for a non-aggressive buyer interest. Movement into retail channels as expected, mostly slow with some improvement anticipated for next week. Food service movement was mixed, slow to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with weights desirable. In the parts complex, wings and boneless/skinless thigh meat clearing moderate to instances good, balance of parts trading was inactive to slow. Supplies were at least adequate on breast items and leg quarters, barely adequate on wings. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm on wings balance of items no better than steady.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was no better than fair mainly due to Thanksgiving holiday distractions. Offerings were mixed. Smaller sizes were generally ample and larger birds were usually tight. Retail and distributive movement was mostly light. The market tone was barely steady to fully steady with the lighter birds in the weakest position. In the parts market, offerings were more than adequate overall.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally reduced as normal pre-thanksgiving buying interest shifted elsewhere. Offerings were in good balance to tight on the over 3 pound size; readily available on the lighter weights. Live supplies were moderate; weights mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules varied, but were moderately heavy in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment remained about steady. In the parts complex, wings continued to clear well. Leg items were fully adequate. Breast cuts were in excess and were competitively priced in an effort to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	52-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.10
NO. OF BOXES	8,156

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	242	120.00-183.00	125-135	137.17
TENDERLOINS	35	125.00-167.00	-	149.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	20.00-34.00	20-23	22.37
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	406	15.00-19.00	15-16	16.12
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	960	17.50-22.00	19-20	19.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	404	82.00-91.00	82	84.74
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	60	61.00-72.00	-	69.67

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 23, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
33.00-35.00	33.56

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	515	124.00-183.00	125-130	131.91
TENDERLOINS	70	125.00-167.00	130-135	141.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	66.00-78.00	66-68	67.14
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	133	16.50-19.00	17-18	17.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	880	19.00-22.00	19-20	19.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	46	66.50-70.00	-	68.65
WINGS (CUT)	504	75.00-89.00	82-85	83.70
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	52	60.00-72.00	-	66.92

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 24, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.00 - 38.50	37.26	35.78

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was almost non-existent due to the holiday. Offerings were mixed as most plants planned reduced schedules. Overall, bone-in breasts were ample, wings were short to adequate, and all other items were more than adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair at best and scattered retail features fell short of expectations. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings and no better than steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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Report of 11/17/99 current negotiated trading NOVEMBER 24, 1999
price on tenderloins should have read "130" instead of as sent

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	134.19	394,719
TENDERLOINS	130	132.06	56,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	71.01	171,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	63.67	81,120
LEGS	26-27	29.79	167,525
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.52	324,812
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	31.27	90,938
THIGHS	19-20	28.38	65,704
B/S THIGHS	70-71	72.72	28,150
WINGS (WHOLE)	69-70	79.19	186,394
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	42,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	51.88	34,822
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.38	34,600

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	133.11	430,560
TENDERLOINS	130	133.37	57,820
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	70.83	149,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	61.29	178,000
LEGS	26-27	29.92	249,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	19.58	400,288
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	31.93	104,670
THIGHS	19-20	28.08	80,880
B/S THIGHS	70-71	73.61	33,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	71-72	81.19	175,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.14	48,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	49.27	35,824
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.62	54,960

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/24	11/23	11/22	11/19	11/22
ALA	3,513	3,836	3,898	3,940	5.07
ARK	5,073	5,048	5,224	5,443	4.86
DELMARVA	2,320	2,348	2,473	1,883	5.18
KY-LA-TN	1,690	1,856	1,806	1,516	4.44
MISS	2,624	2,702	2,781	2,995	5.04
NC	2,541	2,556	2,542	2,555	5.84
TEXAS	2,184	2,183	2,096	2,191	4.85
TOTAL	19,945	20,529	20,084	20,523	5.04
MON-WED	60,885	(A)			58,512

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Nov 99 is estimated to be 29,840,000 up 1.98 percent from a week ago and up 5.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,260,000; last year 28,318,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	79-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	82-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-97
	DRY PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV -27

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/27/99 (1)	11/20/99
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	113,450 (2)	146,690
LT HENS	1,257	2,049
HVY HENS	870	1,489
CHECK TOTAL	115,577	150,228

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Nov-99 is 140.3 million head compared to 112.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 114.8 million head or 25.5 million less than estimated available. For week of 04-Dec-99 the estimated available is 143.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 22-Nov-99	103,826	77,476
AM 1-Nov-99	161,851	82,865
CHG	-58,025	-5,389
PCT CHG	-36	-7

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/22/99	11/15/99	11/23/98	11/22/99	11/15/99	11/23/98
PACIFIC						
COAST	9,744	18,099	17,852	13,709	13,513	5,239
LOS						
ANGELES	420	806	840	4,434	4,434	631

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 11/23/99

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.45	.80	.66	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	1.75	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.40	.65	.54	MIXED FOWL ea.	2.10	2.35	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.35	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	1.10	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.70	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.40	1.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.60	.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	1.20	.86	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESSE lb.	.25	.70	.42	GEESSE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.10	1.55	.50	TURKEYS ea.	-	3.50	-
DUCKS lb.	.25	.85	.45	DUCKS ea.	-	.40	-
RABBITS lb.	.25	1.15	.98	RABBITS ea.	.70	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.75	2.85	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	8.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	5.00	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 123

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 1999.

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60-64
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 19, 1999

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	54.51	111.94	68.14	19.47	4.87	51.11
High	55.97	121.68	77.88	24.34	5.84	51.11
Mostly	55.49	121.68	77.88	24.34	5.84	51.11
SAN JUAN						
Low	52.57	107.08	63.27	21.90	5.84	43.80
High	55.49	121.68	77.88	31.64	8.76	43.80
Mostly	54.51	116.81	68.14	24.34	7.30	43.80
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	53.54	111.94	68.14	19.47	4.87	48.67
High	55.49	121.68	77.88	24.34	5.84	48.67
Mostly	55.49	116.81	73.01	19.47	5.84	48.67
BECERRA						
Low	52.57	97.34	68.14	24.34	4.87	46.24
High	55.97	116.81	77.88	34.07	8.76	46.24
Mostly	55.97	111.94	68.14	26.77	5.84	46.24

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